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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8 and 15 for clarification and to put them in better form for consideration on appeal and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 15 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method that facilitates automated comparison of employee data between a plurality of subscribers, comprising the steps of:

maintaining a database of subscriber data that is provided by a plurality of subscribers, the subscriber data including employee data for a plurality of employees, wherein the employee data is correlated to a plurality of employee attributes, and wherein the plurality of employee